

**CITY OF HESSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES of October 10, 2011

Council Meeting No.10

The regular meeting of the Hesston City Council was held on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Hesston Municipal Building.

PRESENT

Council members Desiree Martens, Brad Unruh, John Reimer, Lee Birch, Pat Moore, City Administrator John Carder and City Clerk Jason Thrasher with Mayor David Kauffman presiding. A quorum was present.

ABSENT

City Attorney Tim Larson

OTHERS PRESENT

Hesston resident Roger Eichelberger and Garth Mock with Absolute Drain Cleaning of Newton, Hesston resident Leroy Duerksen, Joe Hershberger and Ray Pierce representing the Hesston Area Senior Center, George Yang and Julie Ni with Panda Kitchen, Scott Welsh with Blue Tee Management, Hesston Utilities Superintendent Kirk Matz, Director of Emergency Services Russ Buller and Jackie Nelson with the Hesston Record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator John Carder requested the following items be added to the agenda:

- Surplus Fryers – Donation to Senior Center
- Ordinance No. 020-2011-143: Liability Insurance for Worksite Utility Vehicles and Micro Utility Trucks

Mayor Kauffman added the items to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brad Unruh moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

Hesston resident Roger Eichelberger and Gary Mock with Absolute Drain Cleaning of Newton addressed the council regarding sewer system issues along E. Academy St. between S. Weaver St. and S. Streeter Ave. The item was referred to staff.

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION

Brad Unruh moved to authorize the Mayor to declare October 24-29, 2011 as Red Ribbon Week. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

DECLARE FRYERS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND APPROVE DONATION

Brad Unruh moved to declare two fryers as surplus equipment and authorized their donation to the Hesston Area Senior Center. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

BLUE TEE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON GOLF COURSE

Golf Pro Scott Welsh presented Blue Tee Managements recommendation for golf course capital improvements in the amount of \$30,870. \$23,824.44 will come from the remaining June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012 Golf Course Capital Improvement allocation.

The balance of \$7,045.56 will be reimbursed to Blue Tee Management after June 1, 2012 and will be come from that budget year's allotment. Pat Moore moved to approve the improvements as presented. Lee Birch seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Brad Unruh abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

INSPECTION REPORT ON 240 E. PINE ST.

Director of Emergency Services Russ Buller gave an inspection report on 240 E. Pine Street.

HARVEY COUNTY AMBULANCE FUNDING FOR 2012

City Administrator John Carder reviewed a letter from Harvey County that reports the City will receive a 3% increase in Ambulance funding for 2012.

UPDATE ON LEASE/PURCHASE OPTION ON CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4 LEONARD COURT

Fei (George) Yang and Julie Ni - owners of Panda Kitchen were present to discuss the purchase option on the restaurant building located at 4 Leonard Court. City Administrator John Carder reviewed possible financing options. The item was referred to staff.

STAFF REVIEW OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

City Administrator John Carder and City Clerk Jason Thrasher reviewed the employee health insurance plan with the council. The item was referred to staff.

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSIENT GUEST TAX GRANT REQUEST FOR HESSTON-BETHEL PERFORMING ARTS

Brad Unruh moved to approve the request made by Hesston Bethel Performing Arts for Transient Guest Tax funding in an amount equal to \$3,000 to fund the 2011-2012 concert series. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES

Lee Birch moved to adopt the changes to the personnel policies as presented. Desiree Martens seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING RENEWAL

Desiree Martens moved to accept the three year contract proposal for sanitary sewer cleaning and maintenance from Mayer Specialty Services, Inc. in the amount of \$13,216.56 per year. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2011-143

Desiree Martens moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2011-143 which changes the liability insurance requirements for work-site utility vehicles and micro utility trucks. John Reimer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m. Lee Birch moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Pat Moore seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

Recorded by
Jason Thrasher
City Clerk